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Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed May 9, 2000 for patent application serial number 09/308,825. In the restriction requirement, the Examiner restricted the claims into three groups: Group I, Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 22-26, and 46-52; Group II, Claims 3-5 and 8-21; and Group III, Claims 27-45. Applicants elected group I for prosecution with patent application serial number 09/308,825. The present Divisional Application is directed to the claims in Group III (*i.e.*, Claims 27-45).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-52.

Please add the following claims:

53. A method for treating nucleic acid, comprising:

a) providing:

- i) a purified archael FEN-1 endonuclease; and
- ii) a nucleic acid substrate;